



THE BOARD REPORTS

Highlights of the White Plains Board of Education Meeting

BOARD MEMBERS: Rosemarie Eller, *President*; Charlie Norris, *Vice President*;
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August 23, 2021

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Superintendent of Schools **Dr. Joseph L. Ricca** said he is extremely grateful and proud of the position the District is in at the start of this year and thanked everyone for the way they have handled COVID. Our District continues to lead and to shine. He is excited to bring everyone back to school with a more typical schedule and will share updates as we proceed.

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS: Two current staff members were appointed to Assistant Principal positions. **Suzanne Lasser**, formerly Assistant Principal at Post Road School, was named Assistant Principal at the Eastview Middle School. Ms. Lasser joined the District in 2006 and has held various administrative positions. **Robert Spedafino**, appointed Assistant Principal at Post Road School was an elementary teacher at Mamaroneck Avenue School from 2013 and Interim Assistant Principal there from last February to June. In a third appointment, **Monique Adams** was named House Director at White Plains High School. She had been an English Teacher there since 2016 and replaces **Jessica Rappaport** who resigned to join another district.

PERSONNEL: Board Members accepted resignations for the purpose of retirement from five staff members: ESOL Teachers **Aura Zelaya**, Post Road School, and **Evelyn Alicia-Santiago**, Middle School-Highlands; Teaching Assistants **Marianne Cohen**, Middle School-Highlands, and **Betty Quiroz**, Mamaroneck Avenue School; and District Clerk **Michele Schoenfeld**. **Board President Rosemarie Eller** thanked Mrs. Schoenfeld for her 39 years in that position and noted that she will remain in the District to work on various projects.

Seven Teaching Assistants were appointed to tenure: **Nancy Abplanalp**, George Washington School, **Maria Anderson**, and **Stefani Rados**, High School, **Brittany Grahame**, **Nita Hoda** and **Roshaun Samuel**, Ridgeway School, and **Rafael Pearl**, Church Street School.

Probationary appointments were given to seven teachers: **Charlie Torres Iglesias**, Mathematics, 7-12, and **Rachel Conklin**, Special Education, both at the High School; **Amanda Molloy**, Learning Facilitator, and **Ashley Thomas**, Special Education, both at Church Street School; **Hithia Shibuya**, Elementary Education at Post Road School; **Christina Ramirez**, School Psychologist at the Middle School-Highlands; and **Lauren Bernarducci**, Special Education at Ridgeway School.

DONATIONS: Dr. Ricca thanked the following donors for their generosity: **Buckaroo Studios Inc.** for \$3,500 for Ridgeway School; **Winter Films, LLC** for \$3,500 for White Plains High School; and **Michael Stevens** for \$75 for the Brown Family Memorial Scholarship

UPCOMING MEETINGS: September:9: Special Meeting, 5:30 P.M. (Executive Session)
September 13: Regular Meeting, 7:30 P.M. Education House

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